



Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulation to our Stars of the Week</u>	
Nursery	Elizabeth
Reception	Mason
Year 1	Samuel
Year 2	Lucas
Year 3	Elizabeth
Year 4	Mia
Year 5	Charlie A
Year 6	Ellis
Headteacher's Award	Oscar Y4 Sanna Y4 Aaliyah Y6 Mia Y6 Sophia Y6

EYFS

Thank you to our school caretaker and our senior midday supervisor who visited nursery as part of their topic 'People who help us'. Thank you to everyone who came to our Reception open morning this week.

Year 1

Year 1 have been making (and eating) their own bread as part of their topic 'The Great Fire of London'. They have also been writing instructions of how bread is made.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They have created some wonderful pastel silhouettes and have been learning how to write a diary.

A Forest School

We are pleased to announce that we are trialling Forest School activities in our wildlife/sensory garden. A trained leader will visit our school every week this half term. A Forest School is an inspirational educational ethos that focuses on developing children's personal, social and emotional development through regular outdoor woodland experiences.

Year 3

In Year 3, we are really enjoying our exciting 'Tomb Raiders' topic. The children have been doing some research about how Egypt has changed over time. We are really looking forward to our school trip to learn more!

Year 4

This week Year 4 have been investigating states of matter in science – the difference between solids, liquids and gases. They have been investigating the different melting points of chocolate.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been writing a news report about winning the lottery. They have been thinking about the question: What is more important - money or happiness?

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning about the artist David Basasira who uses natural materials to create images of people and animals. The children have started to create their own artwork using pastels.

School Attendance Matters

We are very keen to ensure that all children attend school regularly, as this is important for your child's academic progress. We are currently meeting our school's target of 96% and we need your help to improve our attendance figure. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time every day.

The school doors open at 8:50am. School gates open at 8:40am.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2017/2018	95.62%
Whole School 2018/2019	96.32%
Nursery	95.24 %
Reception	95.38 %
Year 1	96.16%
Year 2	95.70 %
Year 3	95.84 %
Year 4	96.94 %
Year 5	97.82 %
Year 6	96.35 %

If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help.
Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 18th January - Please return parent surveys and report feedback slips by this date
- Starting on Tuesday 22nd January - There will be a Parent/Family workshop hosted by Wakefield Council running for 3 weeks on Tuesdays - Please contact Miss Hargreaves if you would like to book a place or for more information
- Wednesday 30th January 9:00am – Year 1 parents are invited to a class workshop (see below)
- Week beginning 4th February - Whole school 'Well-Being Week'
- Week beginning 11th February - Whole school celebration for Chinese New Year
- Friday 15th February - School closes for half term. School reopens on Monday 25th February

Parent Workshops

Over the next 2 terms, we will be inviting parents and carers of all year groups to class workshops where you can work with your child/children in school. Workshops will replace class assemblies.

We would like to invite Year 1 parents to our first workshop on **Wednesday 30th January**. We would love you to join your children in Year 1 to bake bread as part of their topic 'The Great Fire of London'. Mr Paine will send out invitations nearer the time. We hope that you will be able to join us - no prior bread making experience is required!

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who returned the parent/carers survey, we really appreciate your feedback. The results of the feedback will be analysed and we will inform you of these later this half term. As always, if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Uniform and PE Kits

Just a polite reminder that our school uniform is black trousers/skirt, white polo shirt, red jumper/cardigan and black shoes. Hair accessories must be red, black or white. Earrings must be plain studs that can be removed for PE. Please remove nail varnish for school.

PE Kits needs to be in school every day – children will need black/navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Y1 to Y6 children will also need black/dark blue tracksuit (long joggers and jacket/jumper) for outside and outside trainers. PE sessions are taught inside and outside. Thank you.

Our 5 Golden Rules

At Newton Hill Community School, everyone follows our 5 Golden Rules. *We want everyone to be the best they can be and to 'Reach for the Stars'.*

- ❖ We will always keep everyone included.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone safe.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone learning.
- ❖ We will always try our best.
- ❖ We are always honest.



Unplanned School Closures

In the unlikely event of a school closure, for reasons out of our control, we will contact you via text messaging. We will also display messages and updates on our school website

www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk

We will always do our best to stay open, but if for any reason we have to close **during the day** we will contact you by text, parent hub and information will be displayed on our website. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will always stay on site until all children have been collected.

Keeping Everyone Safe



If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school - our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Mrs Wheatley, Mr Duce, Mrs Luck, Mr Paine, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

Visit NSPCC for your guide to social networks, apps and games.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).

Please call in at the school office or contact school either on 01924 303680 or at admin@newton-hill.org.uk if you need to update your details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. You can speak to class teachers at the end of the day or you can make an appointment if you prefer. We are here to help. Thank you for your continued support.